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Office Action Summary

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Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
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- Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of this communication, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 11 February 2002.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-10 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-10 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☒ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 19 September 2001 is/are: a) ☒ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date _____
- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____
- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 6) ☐ Other: _____

DETAILED ACTION

Priority

1. This application claims a priority # Japan 284462 on 09/20/2000. A certified copy of the foreign application is in the application.

Specification Objections

2. The lengthy specification has not been checked to the extent necessary to determine the presence of all possible minor errors. Applicant's cooperation is requested in correcting any errors of which applicant may become aware in the specification.

Claim Rejections – 35 USC § 102

3. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(a) the invention was known or used by others in this country, or patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country, before the invention thereof by the applicant for a patent.

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

(e) the invention was described in (1) an application for patent, published under section 122(b), by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent or (2) a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent, except that an international application filed under the treaty defined in section 351(a) shall have the effects for purposes of this subsection of an application filed in the United States only if the international application designated the United States and was published under Article 21(2) of such treaty in the English language.

Claims 1-10 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by JENTOFT, KEITH, (U.S. Patent Publish Number 20020161629), hereinafter referred as JENTOFT.

- a. Regarding claims 1 and 6, JENTOFT disclosed (in abstract, line 1-3, 6-7, 11, paragraph 1, line 2-3, 5-6) an event information provision method and system comprising a user participation step (attract prospective buyers, customers

and bidders, the selected population is informed of the location of website), a privileged access right acquisition step (registered visitor), a privileged website information provision step (sales presentation, particular internet website), a user information registering step (participating in a survey).

- b. Regarding claims 2 and 7, JENTOFT disclosed (in abstract, line 7-8, paragraph 1, line 2-3, paragraph 4, line 15-17) a method and system providing advertisement (the terms of the incentive, sales presentation) and exchanging user information for advertising fee (the cost of designing mounting and maintaining a website).
- c. Regarding claims 3 and 8, JENTOFT disclosed (in abstract, line 9-10, paragraph 1, line 3) a method and system using a condition of some degree of difficulty (completion of a predetermined task) in granting a privileged access right.
- d. Regarding claims 4 and 9, JENTOFT disclosed (paragraph 19, line 10-12) a method and system checking a privileged access right (visitor may be allowed full or partial access to the site) to provide the privileged website information.
- e. Regarding claims 5 and 10, JENTOFT disclosed (in abstract, line 1-3, paragraph 20, line 4-6, paragraph 25, line 6-7, paragraph 36, line 4) a method and system providing an event and privileged website information via a network (a internet), and the event and privileged information is registered at a portal site (multiple websites may be created, the original or a different website, after reviewing a collection of websites).

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JENTOFT disclosed all limitations of claims 1-10. Claims 1-10 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e).

4. Claims 1-10 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Levergood, Thomas Mark, (U.S. Patent Publish 5,708,780), hereinafter referred as Levergood.

- a. Regarding claims 1 and 6, Levergood disclosed (in abstract, line 1-7, 9-12, column 2, line 50-55, column 4, line 22-24) an event information provision method and system comprising a user participation step (access documents on content server), a privileged access right acquisition step (authorization), a privileged website information provision step (access controlled file), a user information registering step (monitoring access, the frequency and durations to various pages).
- b. Regarding claims 2 and 7, Levergood disclosed (column 8, line 41-45) a method and system providing advertisement (advertising) and exchanging user information for advertising fee (the information may be used to charge).
- c. Regarding claims 3 and 8, Levergood disclosed (column 3, line 32-35) a method and system using a condition of some degree of difficulty (interrogate and issue the SID containing user ID, accessible domain, expiration time, IP address) in granting a privileged access right.
- d. Regarding claims 4 and 9, Levergood disclosed (in abstract, line 11-12, column 2, line 50-55, column 4, line 1-4) a method and system checking a privileged access right (determine if authorized or a valid account, SID is no longer valid) to provide the privileged website information.

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- e. Regarding claims 5 and 10, Levergood disclosed (column 1, line 26-29, column 5, line 22-32 column 8, line 41-45) a method and system providing an event and privileged website information via a network (server on the Internet), and the event and privileged information is registered at a portal site (commercial content server, traversed an advertising page to a product page).

Levergood disclosed all limitations of claims 1-10. Claims 1-10 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b).

- 5. Claims 1-10 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(a) as being anticipated by Simmons, C. Thomas, (U.S. Patent Publish 5,974,451), hereinafter referred as Simmons.

- a. Regarding claims 1 and 6, Simmons disclosed (column 1, line 49-55, column 3, line 22-25, column 4, line 15-17) an event information provision method and system comprising a user participation step (bulletins), a privileged access right acquisition step (initial access, login), a privileged website information provision step (particular remote information server), a user information registering step (monitor the information retrieved by the users).
- b. Regarding claims 2 and 7, Simmons disclosed (column 1, line 49-55, column 4, line 21-25) a method and system providing advertisement (advertising) and exchanging user information for advertising fee (monitor the information retrieved by the users, advertising fee as per television, radio and newspaper).

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- c. Regarding claims 3 and 8, Simmons disclosed (column 2, line 14-17, column 3, line 32-35) a method and system using a condition of some degree of difficulty (occupation, age, gender, etc) in granting a privileged access right.
- d. Regarding claims 4 and 9, Simmons disclosed (column 3, line 2-3, column 4, line 15-17) a method and system checking a privileged access right (identify the user, verifiable log-in) to provide the privileged website information.
- e. Regarding claims 5 and 10, Simmons disclosed (column 2, line 64-67, column 4, line 21-24) a method and system providing an event and privileged website information via a network, and the event and privileged information is registered at a portal site (a network access system vs. remote information server).

Simmons disclosed all limitations of claims 1-10. Claims 1-10 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(a).

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Conclusion


6. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure. Refer to the enclosed PTO-892 for details.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Peling A. Shaw whose telephone number is (571) 272-7968. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F 8:00 - 4:00.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, William A. Cuchlinski can be reached on (571) 272-3925. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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